

Duxbury Clipper, Wednesday, June 5, 1996



Bug Light is a favorite navigational landmark cherished by local sailors. Here it is shown flanked by the *Spirit of Massachusetts* and other skiffs.

Photo by Bill Campbell

Help Preserve Bug Light

The effort to raise \$100,000 to endow the future of Bug Light is coming down to the wire. With \$7,000 donated over the last 2 years we need \$29,000 to complete the mission. If not privately supported Bug Light could be partially or completely dismantled. On June 22 the committee for Project Bug Light is hosting a rousing 125th Bug Light Anniversary party and fund raising event at the home of David and Rebecca Wells on Bay Rd.

We are soliciting support from all interested in the Bay area.

Duxbury Pier Light, locally known as "Bug Light" marks the shoal water and channel off Saquish Head at the entrance of Plymouth, Kingston, and Duxbury Bays. The light was the first, and is one of the last remaining of the 65 iron-clad "spark plug" designs built in the U.S. It was erected in 1871, and the last lighthouse-keeper ended his tour of duty in 1964 when the structure was fully automated.

To preserve the present structure Project Bug Light has a lease from the U.S. coast Guard. A confirming document from the Coast Guard says in part...

As we have indicated to you earlier, we are pleased that your organization, Project Bug Light, Inc., has again become active with plans to repair and maintain this well known light. The Coast Guard recognizes and appreciates the initiative, industry and efforts of the personnel of Project Bug Light, Inc. and your many supporters in preserving Duxbury Pier Light for the benefit of the public and maritime industry.